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ENCODING AND DECODING OF VIDEO
IMAGES BASED ON A QUANTIZATION
WITH AN ADAPTIVE DEAD-ZONE SIZE

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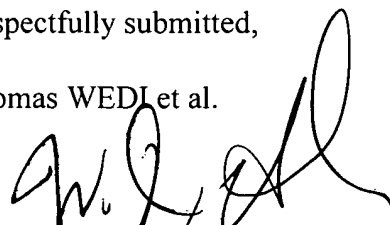
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